

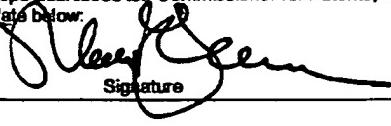


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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED OCTOBER 6, 2004

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the office action dated October 6, 2004. The office action noted that a complete listing of all claims was not present in the previous response. This response includes claims 1-41 identified as "canceled."

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested. The Commissioner is authorized to deduct any necessary time extension fees, and any other fees required for any reason relating to this paper under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 to 1.21, from Locke Liddell & Sapp LLP

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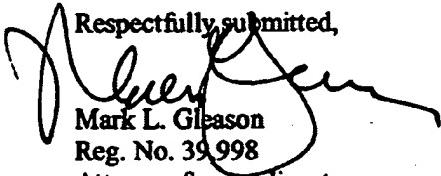
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teachings of Endo with the AAPA, independent claims 119 and 130 and their dependents (120-129, 131-144) are now in condition for allowance.

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The examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at 952-474-3701 with any questions or comments relating to the referenced application.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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